to the exporters on account of wrong classification of the export products. Details are enclosed as per Annexure. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure 105]

(b) to (e) Wherever there is excess amount of cash compensatory support as pointed out by the audit, it is either recovered from the exporter, or the audit authorities are satisfied that the payment was made according to the rules.

Representations opposing GATT Treaty

5290. SHRI SANATAN BISI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the State Government of Orissa opposing the GATT Treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such representation have been received by the Central Government from other State Governments also; and

(d) the reaction of the Central Government with regard to the opinions expressed by the Government of Orissa and other State Governments on the various proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) Representations have been received, *inter alia*, from the Government of Orissa, which has also filed a suit against the Union of India in the Supreme Court. The gravemen of representation is basically that there will be adverse economic consequences of accepting the Uruguay round results. Government of India does not share the assessment of the Government of Orissa.

Export Facilitation/Grievances Readdressal Committee

5291. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted an export facilitation/grievance redressal committee;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the Committee; and

(c) the main objective for the formation of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) In order to facilitate speedy redressel of genuine grievances of trade and industry including complaints against delays, Grievance Committees have been set up in the Office of the Director General of Foreign Trade and the Regional Licensing Authorities. These Committees include representatives of the Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation (FIEO), concerned Export Promotion Councils/Commodity Boards and concerned Government Departments/Technical Authorities. The Chairman of the respective Grievance committees have the discretion to co-opt any other members as and when considered necessary on such Committees. Necessary provision exists under Para 250 of the Hand Book of Procedures Vol. I 1992-97 (Revised Edition—March 1994).

Involvement of State Governments in promoting Exports

5292. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to involve State Governments to promote exports;

(b) whether it is a fact that the exporting industrial units demand the cooperation of State Governments in the matter of elec ricity supply, concessions in the local taxes and infrastructural faci'ities; and

(c) if so, the incentives given to the State Governments who forego their revenue in helping the export oriented industries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Centre has made special efforts to actively involve the State Governments in export efforts by setting-up Apex-Export Boards/Cells, by granting Export House status to atleast one export corporation in each State; by formulating EPIP scheme etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. From time to time the Centre has been urging the cooperation of the State Governments for providing uninterrupted electricity supply, concessions in local taxes and infrastructural facilities which are under the purview of the State Governments.

(c) The Central Government has been providing and continuously upgrading infrastructural facilities in the form of Inland Container Depots, Container Freight Stations Air Cargo Complexes and EPZ and, that of telecommunication, rail air communication etc. in different States with a view to maximising exports from the States. An EPIP Scheme has been finalised and circulated among the States, under which the Centre is to extend grant upto 75% of the Capital expenditure on infrastructure, ordinarily limited to Rs. 10 crores per park.

The States have also been requested to formulate export policies on the lines of their Industrial Policies and chalk out time bound export plan.

Nodal Agency for imposing trade between India and Hongkong

5293. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry have decided to create a Nodal Agency to work for improving trade between India and Hongkong;

(b) if so whether the Hongkong delegation and Businessmen are interested to participate in the development of India's infrastructure sector.

(c) if so, whether any agreement have been singed wtih Hongkong in various fields such as telecommunications, power generation, Hotel Industry, textile garments, gems and jewellery etc; and

(d) if so, the salient feature of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above. However, in the meeting between the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry held on 25th March, 1994 the scope for establishing joint ventures in various fields like telecommunications, electronics/computer software, construction technologies, infrastructure development etc., was noted.